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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**APPLICANT:** Ulrich Birnbaum et al.  
**SERIAL NO.:** 10/638,179  
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**FOR:** CONNECTING ELEMENT FOR AN ASSEMBLY SYSTEM  
**EXAMINER:** Victor L. MacArthur      **Group:** 3679

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**COMMUNICATION**

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed February 3, 2006 and setting forth one-month period for response. The Notice points out the absence of proper identifiers of the claims in the amendment filed on August 19, 2005 and the absence of the text of claims 16-18.

The claims in the Amendment have been retyped and corrected, note claims 9 and 16-18.